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On behalf of the Dallas Independent School District (the "school district"), you ask this office to reconsider our ruling in Open Records Letter No. 98-1007 (1998). Your request for reconsideration was assigned ID# 116814.

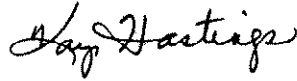
The school district received two requests for invoices and payment vouchers for the Ronquillo Law Firm since January 1, 1997. In Open Records Letter Nos. 98-1007 (1998) and 97-2481 (1997), this office concluded that the school district could only withhold portions of the information under sections 552.103 and 552.107. We further concluded in Open Records Letter No. 98-1007 (1998) that the school district could not withhold portions of the information under section 552.108. You claim that compelling reasons exist for withholding portions of the requested information under section 552.108 of the Government Code, because the United States Department of Justice has requested that the information not be released.

You have submitted the information at issue to this office, along with a letter from Ms. Madeleine Johnson of the United States Department of Justice. Ms. Johnson asks that portions of the requested information, specifically the highlighted information in exhibit 3 and some entries in exhibit 4, be withheld during the pendency of the federal investigations of those matters. The need of another governmental body to withhold requested information under section 552.108 provides a compelling reason for nondisclosure of the information. Open Records Decision No. 586 (1991). Therefore, we conclude that the school district may withhold the highlighted information in exhibit 3 and some of the entries in exhibit 4 under section 552.108 on behalf of the United States Department of Justice.

We have reviewed your other arguments for withholding the remaining information under sections 552.103 and 552.107 of the Government Code. After careful review, we affirm our original rulings in Open Records Letter Nos. 98-1007 (1998) and 97-2481 (1997) with respect to the applicability of sections 552.103 and 552.107 to the requested information. We overrule Open Records Letter No. 98-1007 (1998) to the extent it conflicts

with this conclusion regarding section 552.108. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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